

**In the Description**

At Page 1, line 1, please add the following words:

This application claims the benefit of provisional application number 60/142,064 filed July 2, 1999.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 3, 13-15, 22, 25 and 26; enter the indicated amendments to Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-11, 16-21 and 23-24; and enter new Claims 28-41. Directions for amendment of claims are indicated on the copy of the attached hand amended ("marked up") original claims, showing in manuscript the amendments that have been made and the origins of the new claims. Clean forms of new and rewritten claims are included in the attached "Clean Pending Claims" document.

**Remarks**

This application seeks protection for certain novel compounds that are inhibitors of the serine protease, Factor Xa, and are useful for the treatment of thrombotic disorders.

Applicants now wish to amend the application to achieve three objectives:-

1. to remove improper multiple claim dependencies;
2. to distinguish the claims from the disclosures of references cited in the international search report; and
3. to avoid double patenting compounds claimed in four co-pending international applications that claim priority according to 35 U.S.C § 119(a) under 35 U.S.C § 365(b) from the international application of which this application is the national stage.